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In re the Application of

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A COATING SUCH AS A PAINTER OR A VARNISH

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the June 19, 2002 Office Action, the period for reply effectively extended by a one-month Petition for Extension to October 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33, 41, 42 and 63-81 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 38, 48, 52 and 54 as follows:

~~38. (Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating which spreads under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited on the surface at the moment when it is set into rotation and wherein a nozzle is used for applying the coating directly to the surface of the article, said nozzle being downwardly inclined and situated slightly above the periphery of said surface.~~